



Park Wildflower Update: 3/22/19

1. **Visitor Center area:** Nice flowers all around the Visitor Center, along the paved trail to the campground, and on the Hellhole and Little Surprise Canyon trails.
2. **Borrego Palm Canyon Trail:** The **Alternate Trail** (starts from the trail to the Campfire Center) is loaded with a wide variety of flowers! Stream crossings on the **Main Trail**. 3 miles roundtrip.
3. **Coyote Canyon:** The dirt road into Coyote Canyon requires all-wheel-drive or 4WD for the first 3 miles, and high clearance 4WD beyond Desert Gardens. Fields of desert dandelions line DiGiorgio Road! 2WD vehicles can park at the end of the pavement and walk east for fields of flowers (past their prime). **Please Respect Private Property and stay out of the citrus groves!**
4. **Henderson Canyon Road:** Desert sunflowers are starting to bloom, adding their bright yellow to fields of white dune evening primrose and pink-purple sand verbena. Lots of parking.
5. **Borrego Badlands:** Fields of sand verbena, while fading, have been joined by desert sunflowers, visible from mile marker 31 on Hwy S-22. Desert lilies and lupine are among flowers persisting at Arroyo Salado Primitive Camp and Coachwhip Canyon (park near mm 35).
6. **Texas Dip:** Great display of poppies on south-facing hillsides above San Felipe Wash (just north of Hwy 78). 2WD vehicles should park on the pavement along Borrego Springs Road. More poppies grow on hillsides along the **Cactus Loop Trail**, across from Tamarisk Grove.
7. **Southern Anza-Borrego:** flowers are blooming in various locations along Highway S-2: Blair Valley and Little Blair Valley (mm 23), June Wash (fading; mm 42, AWD or 4WD only), Carrizo Wash (mm 48, 4WD only; 2WD park on highway) and Carrizo Badlands Overlook (mm 52).

Enjoy and Protect our Wildflower Bloom

Enjoy the Bloom Safely:

- Bring water and food. Drink water frequently. Don't save it for later.
- Wear sunscreen, a hat and layers, the weather can change quickly.
- Wear closed-toed shoes, the desert can be "pokey".
- Stay on two-wheel drive roads unless you have a high clearance, four-wheel drive vehicle.

Share the Bloom:

- Take photos and share them **#anzaborrego**. Drones are not allowed in the Park.
- Please do not pick the flowers, leave them for all visitors to experience.

Protect the Bloom:

- Tread lightly and stay on trails. Be careful not to walk on the blooms.
- Pack it in and pack it out, take your trash with you.
- Dogs are allowed **only** on Park roads and **must** be on a 6 foot leash at all times.



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Getting to the Flowers: Flowers are blooming in many areas around the Park. Most of these places require high clearance and/or four-wheel drive capacity. Don't have a four-wheel drive vehicle? Here are a few ways you can plan your trip to have a safe and quality experience in the Park viewing wildflower blooms.



Bike It: Rent a mountain bike or e-bike for a day or half day. You can even take a fully guided e-bike tour, creating an easy reach for riders with varying levels of fitness and cycling experience. Get out and see the Park by bike! **Call 760-767-4255**



Overland It: Book a private desert tour with our friends at California Overland. Get way out, beyond the most visited areas, to not only see wildflowers but some of the most incredible resources of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. **Call 760-767-1232**

Thank you for visiting Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.
We hope you enjoy your time here and come back again soon!